

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Archie R. Cole Middle School Library

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:15p.m. Executive Session, Mr. Sommer made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island §42-46-5(a) (2) Legal Services Contract, Para Negotiations, Custodian Negotiations. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 4-0. Mr. Green made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:00p.m. and suspend it until after regular session. Mrs. Records seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. Robert Durant, Vice-Chair (arrived at 6:22p.m.); Mr. David Green; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Mr. Jack Sommer, and Mrs. Susan Records. Dr. Deidre Gifford and Mr. Paul Martin were absent. Also present were Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Paula Dillon, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration, and Attorney Matthew Oliverio.

7:01p.m. Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robert Durant, Vice-Chair.

I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the regular and executive minutes for July 17, 2012.

IV. Recognition

Janet Rufful- Retirement- Eldredge School

a. This item was tabled due to Mrs. Rufful's absence.

V. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio asked Mr. Sullivan to report on the Meadowbrook Farms project. The abatement process has been completed and tested by the industrial hygienist. Seventy-five percent of the classrooms have finished flooring. Furniture will be moved in next week. Gym and administration floors are being installed. Mechanical equipment and millwork are scheduled for next week. The roof is about eighty percent complete. The project is on time and on budget. Ms. Pam Mateer, Meadowbrook teacher, asked when teachers' can set up their classrooms. Mr. Sullivan stated the earliest date might be Monday, August 27, 2012. Due to construction, there are liability issues if staff members enter the building. There was discussion whether teachers' could possibly enter the building before August 27th. Dr. Mercurio will update Meadowbrook staff on the progress. The walls

will be up in classroom, but magnetic marker boards may take up to two months before delivery. Bookcases were ordered, but may not arrive for the start of school.

VI. Assistant Superintendent's Report

This item was tabled.

VII. School Committee Concerns

There were no concerns.

VIII. Action Items

a. Appointments

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the following appointments were unanimously approved (5-0):

1. .6FTE Paraprofessional- Meadowbrook Farms-Laurie Costello
2. .4FTE Paraprofessional- Meadowbrook Farms-Margaret DeSimone
3. Librarian/Media Specialist-Meadowbrook Farms-Laura Gladding
4. Grade 1- Meadowbrook School-Catherine Simonetti
5. Grade 2-Meadowbrook Farms-Kendra Hamzo
6. School Nurse-Teacher-Meadowbrook Farms-Dawn McGill
7. .5FTE Math Teacher-EGHS-Julie Barrows
8. Resource Teacher-EGHS-Maegan Ryan
9. .4 French Teacher-EGHS –Desiree Brown

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the following appointment was unanimously approved (5-0):

10. Custodian-Part Time-EGHS –John Daylor

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the following appointments were unanimously approved (5-0):

11. Reappointment of Fall Coaches

- a. EGHS Field Hockey Head Coach-Deb McMullen**
- b. EGHS Field Hockey Asst Coach-Margaret Naughton**
- c. EGHS Boys' Soccer Head Coach-Pat McGuirl**
- d. EGHS Girls' Soccer Head Coach-Scott Douglas**
- e. EGHS Girls' Tennis Head Coach-Marc Brocato**
- f. EGHS Girls' Tennis Asst Coach-Rob Petrucci**
- g. EGHS Girls' Volleyball Head Coach-Terri Jones**
- h. EGHS Boys' Cross Country Head Coach-Peter Dion**
- i. EGHS Girls' Cross Country-Erin Newman**
- j. Cole Middle Girls' Soccer Head Coach-Stephanie Gloria**
- k. Cole Middle Boys' Soccer Head Coach-Dan Gloria**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the following appointments were unanimously approved (5-0) with approval of Mr. Butler and Mr. Dolan contingent on receiving the necessary certifications:

12. Appointment of Fall Coaches (new hires to position)

- a. EGHS Boys' Soccer Asst Coach-Dave Rooney**
- b. EGHS Girls' Volleyball Asst Coach-Ryan Garno**
- c. EGHS Football Head Coach-Fay Etchingham**
- d. EGHS Boy's Football Asst Coach-Andrew Butler**
- e. EGHS Boys' Football Asst Coach-George Dolan**
- f. EGHS Boys' Football Volunteer Asst Coach-Stephen Whittaker**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the following appointment was unanimously approved (5-0):

13. Appointment –Bob Downey- Department Chair P.E. and

Health-EGHS

Also Bob Downey approved

b. Parental Leave-Lara Aulenbach

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the parental leave was unanimously approved (5-0).

c. Resignation

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the following resignations were accepted (5-0):

- 1. Julia-Maria Santos-.4 FTE French Teacher-EGHS**
- 2. Craig MacKenzie-1.0 Spanish Teacher-EGHS**

d. Home School Request-Grade 10

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the request was unanimously approved (5-0).

e. FY2013 Budget

There were no items to discuss.

f. School Resource Officer

Dr. Mercurio met with Chief Coyle and Mr. Sequino regarding this position. The town and the school department will split the total cost of this position which is \$76,000. Mr. Green asked if Chief Coyle could document the salary figure in his memo. Mr. Sommer made a motion to approve the position. Mr. Green seconded the motion provided that the district's cost does not exceed the \$38,000 that was budgeted. The position was unanimously approved (5-0).

g. Award 3 year Contract – Discovery Education Science TechBook

On a motion by Mrs. Records, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 5-0-to award the Three Year Contract to

Discovery Education for Science TechBooks.

h. Award bid- Apple Inc.

Mr. Zambrano explained the procedures that will be used to inventory and secure the computers. On a motion by Mrs. Records, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 5-0 to award the bid to Apple Computers for two carts with 25 MacBook Airs for the EGHS.

i. Award bid- String Instrument Program

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 5-0 to award the bid to Acoustic Strings of New England.

j. Award bid-Band Program

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the Committee voted 5-0 to award the bid to Robert's Music for the band rental program.

k. Award bid-Mass Notification

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the Committee voted 5-0 to award the bid to CodeED for the emergency communication network.

I. Second Read/Adoption of Revised Policy

1. # 2160 Transportation

Mr. Green discussed the one modification which explains an "extraordinary circumstance" and the "FAQ" page. Mr. Green explained the "5 day seat rule" and the rationale. He further explained the issues faced by building principals and bus drivers when students' have a varied schedule (students put on wrong bus,

the risk it puts on bus drivers, etc.) On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 5-0 to adopt the policy. Elizabeth Saunders asked questions regarding the “5 day seat rule.” Parents can pick up their child at school on the days when the child does not need daycare. The “Daycare Request for Transportation” form will be added to the EGSD website. All forms should be mailed, faxed, or delivered to Ocean State Transit. The daycares notify the bus company when received. This year the district will pilot an on-line registration form to make bus routes more efficient and to prevent overcrowding. Mr. Green discussed the changes in transportation for the 2013-14 school year which will eliminate transportation across districts to daycares. Jennifer Gaffney asked questions regarding the “5 day seat rule” and the mileage for walkers. Meadowbrook teacher Pam Mateer discussed her concerns about transportation.

IX. Discussion Items

a. The new R.I. Accountability System

This item was tabled.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Green, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 5-0 to adjourn regular session and resume executive session at 7:58p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY